

TAKAHIRA TELLS OF JAPAN'S AIMS

Not After Chinese Territory, He Declares.

RUSSIA'S MENACE TO KOREA

Mikado's Minister Discusses in "World's Work" Cause of the Present Struggle.

NEW YORK, March 22.—Kogoro Takahira, Japanese minister to the United States, has contributed the following article to the "World's Work" on "What Japan Is Fighting For."

"I have already taken public occasion to explain the motives which have actuated my government in the course it adopted with reference to the events leading up to the present crisis in the Far East. In doing so I have had no thought of violating the proprieties of diplomatic usage by appearing as an advocate of Japan's cause. My only purpose has been to give wider publicity to the salient features of the exposition of its motives which my government has already made public, and to do this not in my official capacity, but as a private subject of the Empire of Japan desirous of having the true motives of its country's policy thoroughly well understood by the people who have shown it so many evidences of disinterested kindness in the past.

Formal Disavowal.
"One fact should be strongly emphasized at the outset. The government of Japan has disavowed in the most formal and solemn manner in the reply to China's declaration of neutrality the purpose of acquiring any part of China's territory or of occupying it to the detriment of Chinese sovereignty. In an equally binding manner it has declared its willingness to respect the lawful exercise of the rights which Russia had acquired in Manchuria.

"But it could not close its eyes to the fact, plainly demonstrated by events in the immediate past, that Russia seemed to have another object in view than the legitimate development of the interests acquired under those rights. The course of those events plainly pointed to designs on Russia's part threatening the principle of equal opportunity for the development of the interests of all the powers in Manchuria, and tending even to endanger the territorial integrity of China. As this Japanese government has pointed out, this could not but have been a serious disappointment to all who had been led to entertain more or less hopeful views regarding the future of Manchuria by the repeated and unequivocal declarations of the Russian government itself.

Menace to Korea.
"But what was a matter of far more serious concern to Japan, the indefinite occupation of Manchuria by Russia, would be a continual menace to the Korean empire, whose independence Japan regards as absolutely essential to her own repose and security. As was further stated on behalf of Japan, it was with the object of removing just and natural anxiety resulting from unsettled conditions in Manchuria as well as in Korea, and of arriving at an amicable adjustment of the mutual interests of Japan and Russia in the region in the Far East where those interests meet, that the Japanese government approached the government of Russia in August last."

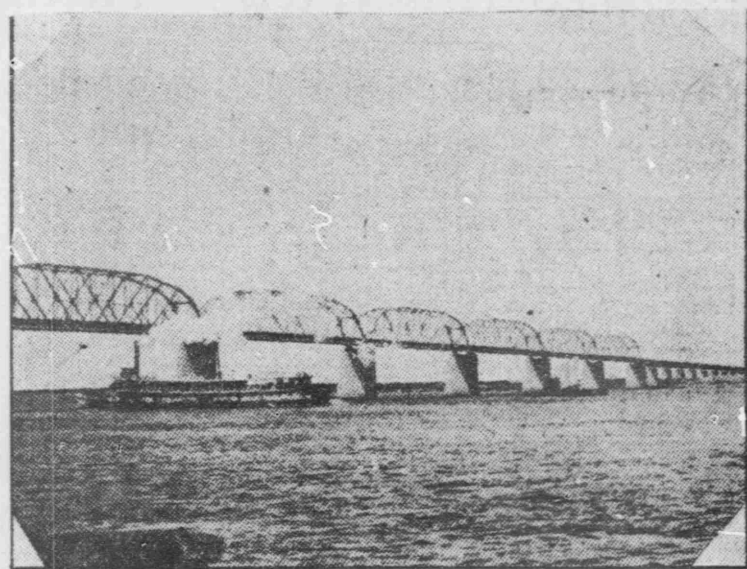
"The minister then reviews the negotiations, which have been fully described in Japan's official statement. Coming down to the severance of diplomatic relations, he says:
"Accordingly, on the 5th of February, under instructions from the Japanese government at St. Petersburg presented the note severing diplomatic relations and ordering his withdrawal. That note, after reciting the various efforts which Japan had made to secure an agreement on matters vital to her well-being, stated that the refusal of Russia had made it necessary for the Japanese government seriously to consider what measures of self-defense they are called upon to take.

Delays Unexplained.
"The communication concluded with the following significant words:
"In the presence of delays which remain largely unexplained, and of naval and military activities which it is difficult to reconcile with entirely pacific aims, the imperial government have exercised in the pending negotiations a degree of forbearance which they believe to be abundant proof of their loyal desire to remove from their relations with the imperial Russian government every cause for future misunderstanding; but finding in their efforts no prospect of securing from the imperial Russian government an adherence either to Japan's moderate and unselfish proposals, or to any other proposals likely to establish a firm and enduring peace in the extreme East, the imperial government has no other alternative than to terminate the present futile negotiations. In adopting that course the imperial government reserves to themselves the right to take such independent action as they may deem best to consolidate and defend their menaced position, as well as to protect their established rights and interests."

"In view of the fact that it has been gravely contended that the Japanese attack upon the Russian squadron at Port Arthur at midnight on February 8 was in violation of international law, the language of the foregoing communication assumes special importance.
Of Gravest Import.
"The independence of Korea, not alone from a commercial and industrial standpoint, but also for strategic reasons, is of the gravest importance to the well-being of our people and the safety of our country. The power that controls Korea cannot only restrict our progress along the lines of peaceful enterprise upon which the future prosperity of the nation depends, but can also keep us upon the defensive and thereby impose the heavy burden of incessant watchfulness and constant preparation. We have no desire to interfere with the independence of the territorial integrity of our neighbors, and no purpose, as we have shown conclusively, to obstruct the development of the commercial and industrial interests of other nations within their territories. But the preservation of their political existence, especially the maintenance of the independence of Korea, is another matter, and when that is threatened motives of an imperative nature demand that our nation shall intervene or else run the certain risk of jeopardizing its most vital interests."

Will Run Siam.
BANGKOK, Siam, March 22.—Prof. Edward H. Strobel, of Harvard, general adviser to the government of Siam, has arrived here. He is on a two years' leave of absence from Harvard.

HARBIN, A RUSSIAN TOWN.



PLACE ON WHICH THE CZAR'S TROOPS ARE FALLING BACK.

Street scene in Preston, Harbin, and a river scene and bridge over Sugari at Harbin. It is a Russian railway. Much disorder is reported at the junction of this road.

PRESIDENT NEEDHAM TO GET A HEARING

District Commissioner West moved today that President Needham, of the Columbian University, be granted a hearing before the Board of Commissioners in connection with his application that the lot is not used for educational purposes. President Needham, however, seems determined to contest the decision.

ASSISTANT INSPECTOR WILL VISIT WHARVES

In compliance with a request from Harbor Master Sutton, District Commissioner Macfarland today recommended that an assistant building inspector be detailed to inspect the wharves of this city in order to have them in good condition before the beginning of the push of traffic and excursions usual in the spring.

LABOR UNION FAVORS THE NEW TROLLEY LINE

The project of the Old Dominion and Great Falls Railroad Company to lay tracks across town through M Street from Georgetown to Bladensburg Road at Mount Olivet Cemetery was heartily endorsed by the Central Labor Union again last night, and the District Commissioners were attacked because of their opposition to the company's plans. The legislative committee of the union presented a long report calling upon the Board of Trade, Business Men's Association, and citizens' organizations to appear before Congress with committees from the union to aid in obtaining the passage of the bill giving the railroad company rights of way.

LYNCHED IN TEXAS.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 22.—John Maynard, a negro, was found hanging to a telegraph pole at Montgomery station on the Santa Fe Railroad, about one hundred miles from Houston. Maynard had confessed that he was one of a party of negroes who had beaten and robbed railroad laborers, one of the victims afterward dying.

CANNOT GET DAMAGES WHILE RIDING ON PASS

Mrs. Mearling Boerling was injured by her husband while riding on a pass issued to herself and husband. The Boerlings brought suit against the railway company to recover \$25,000 damages. The pass which they used contained the customary stipulation, exempting the company from all liability for damages in case of accident. It was argued that Mrs. Boerling was not aware of the stipulation. The court held that ignorance of the stipulation by the passenger does not make the railway liable.

CRAZED BY OVERSTUDY.

TOPEKA, Kan., March 22.—Dollie Rubles, a sixteen-year-old schoolgirl, committed suicide today with her father's shotgun. It is supposed she was temporarily insane over her studies.

HAWAIIAN EMBEZZLER IS SAFE IN JAPAN

Attorney General Knox has cabled the authorities at Honolulu that Henry Kapeka, charged with the embezzlement of \$4,000 from the Hawaiian Trust Company, cannot be extradited from Japan. The extradition treaty with that country does not include cases of embezzlement, except from the Government.

MORGAN IN HONOLULU AWAITS INSTRUCTIONS

Edwin V. Morgan, who was named two months ago as United States commercial agent to Dalny, Manchuria, is now in Honolulu, where he will await instructions from the State Department. Russia has expressed unwillingness to receive foreign representatives at Dalny under present conditions.

LIEUT. DAVIDSON'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of former Lieut. Frank S. Davidson, U. S. A., was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Davidson was stricken with heart disease Saturday night, and died in a few hours.

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